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INCORPORATED BY NATIONAL DECREES OF 7TH AND 8TH MARCH, 1848,
—
BY IMPERIAL DECREES OF 25TH JULY, 1854,
AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1866.

Recognized by the
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF
30TH APRIL, 1862.

Francs. £ Sterling.
PAID-UP CAPITAL,...,80,000,000 3,000,000
RESERVE FUND,...,20,000,000 800,000

HEAD OFFICE,—14, Rue Bergère, Paris, LONDON AGENCY,—144, Leadenhall St., E.C.
AGENTS.—At Nantes, Lyons, Mar-
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St. Denis (île de la Réunion), Hong-
kong, Shanghai and Yokohama.
LONDON BANKERS.—Bank of England,
Union Bank of London.

HONGKONG AGENCY,
INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 2 per cent. per annum on the
monthly minimum balances, and on Fixed
Deposits at rates which may be ascertained
at the offices.

CHR. DE GUIGNE,

Manager.
Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings,
Queen's Road,
Hongkong, May 14, 1875.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK-
ING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,...,5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND,..., 100,000 Dollars.

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ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate
of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily
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For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
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and every description of Banking and
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chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
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JAMES GREIG,
Chief Manager.
Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

ON SALE.

THE
CHINESE READER'S MANUAL.

A HANDBOOK of Biographical, His-
torical, Mythological and General
Literary Reference,
by
WILLIAM FREDERICK MAYERS.

Price: \$3.

Changchun, KELLY & CO.
Hongkong, " CHINA MAIL" OFFICES.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I have this day authorized Mr J. Y. V. SHAW to sign my name pro forma.

A. MACG. HEATON.

Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have entered into Co-
partnership from the First day of
January, 1876, in the Business of Ship-
brokers at this Port under the style of
MORRIS & RAY.

A. G. MORRIS.

E. C. RAY.

Bank Buildings,

Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

NOTICE.

WE have established branches of our
Firm at Haliphong and Hanoi. Mr
E. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign by
procuration in Tonquin.

LANDSTEIN & CO.

Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day established myself as
GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT
at the Ports of Takow and Taiwanfoo.

P. F. DA SILVA.

Formosa, April 1, 1876.

NOTIFICATION.

IT is herewith notified that a Custom
House has been established at
HOL-HOW (河口), the Treaty Port of
KIUNGCHOW (瓊州), and has been
opened for transaction of business under
this day's date.

H. O. BROWN,

Commissioner of Customs,
Kiungchow Customs,

Hoi-how, April 1, 1876.

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Intimations.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELE-
GRAPH COMPANY.

DURING my absence from Hongkong
the MANAGEMENT of the above
Company's Station will be TAKEN OVER
by Mr C. C. BOJESEN, who has been
appointed ACTING SUPERINTENDENT.

A. SUKANSON,

Superintendent,
Hongkong, April 6, 1876.

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THE GREAT NORTHERN TELE-
GRAPH COMPANY.

I BEG to notify that I have been appointed
ACTING SUPERINTENDENT for the above Company's Station at this Port
from this date.

CARL CHR. BOJESEN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1876.

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THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL AGENT of the Company has
been opened in LONDON, under the
management of Mr WALDEMAR SCHMIDT,
at 8, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill.

By Order,

W. H. RAY,

Secretary,
Hongkong, March 28, 1876.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that all CREDITORS and other Persons having
any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of JOHN WOTHER-
SPOON, late of Bangkok, in the Kingdom of Siam, who died on the 6th day of July,
1871, and whose Will was duly proved in the Probate Jurisdiction of the Supreme
Court of Hongkong by WILLIAM HENRY
BERERETON, of 29, Queen's Road, Hong-
kong, Solicitor, to whom Letters of Adminis-
tration with the Will annexed were duly
granted by the said Court on the 10th day
of March, 1876, are hereby required to
SEND in writing the PARTICULARS of their
Claims or Demands to the said WILLIAM
HENRY BERERETON, or before the
1st day of July next; and notice is hereby
also given, that at the expiration of the last
mentioned day the said WILLIAM HENRY
BERERETON will proceed to distribute the
Assets of the said JOHN WOTHERSPOON
amongst the parties entitled thereto, having
regard to the Claims of which he has then
had notice; and that the said WILLIAM
HENRY BERERETON will not be liable for the
Assets or any part thereof so distributed to
any person of whose Claims he has not
had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated this 29th day of March, 1876.

W. H. BERERETON,

29, Queen's Road, Hongkong,
Solicitor.

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THE UNDERMENTIONED LAND
AND BUILDINGS.

AT HONGKONG:—

INLAND LOT 82.—The well-known House
and Offices lately occupied by Messrs A. HEARD & CO., adjoining the Cathedral Compound.

The Ground below the masonry retaining
wall of the above, abutting on the Queen's
Road.

Annual Crown rent, \$390.48.

MARINE LOT 111, WANCHAI.—First-class
and extensive Godowns.

Annual Crown rent, \$324.

AT YOKOHAMA:—

LOTS NO. 6 AND NO. 27 IN THE Foreign
Settlement.

No. 6 is situated on the Bund, and com-
prises an eight-roomed Dwelling House, de-
tached, with Garden all round, Office, Go-
downs, Servants' Quarters and Outhouses.
Area 1,004 Square feet.

Annual Ground rent, \$263.79.

No. 27 is separated from No. 6 by Water
Street and comprises large Tea, Firing and
other Godowns, Floss Silk Press, Compara-
dore's Quarter, Stabling and Fire Engine
House. Area, 654 Square feet.

Ground rent, \$164.97 per annum.

Applications for purchase, or further in-
formation, to be made to

J. WHITTALE,

T. G. LINSTEAD,
Traders' & Co. Heard & Co.'s Estate,

33, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

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Intimations.

THE MERCHANTS' MARINE INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY, LIMITED,
OF LONDON.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £500,000.

FOR SALE.

For Sale.

FOR SALE
Casino CLARET from BORDEAUX.
Agents

Hongkong, March 10, 1876.

FOR SALE.

LAND and BUILDINGS on inland Lot
No. 7, situated at 46 and 48, Queen's
Road, the Property of the late Mr G. B.
FALCONER.

THE TWO BLOCKS of BUILDINGS
occupying the finest position, are of the
most commodious description, with Taza-
sury and ample Godowns; the Ground
Floors are of Granite, the Buildings are
known to be the most handsome and sub-
stantially built Premises in the Colony,
and are all in perfect condition and good
order, &c.

Applications for Purchase, or further
information, to be made to

JOHN NOBLE,

49, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, March 30, 1876.

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Auctions.

NAVAL STATION, MAUAO.

ON the 19th April, 1876, at 1 o'clock p.m.,
the Gunboat JAMBOENS, her Manta-
rui, &c., as already advertised, will again
be put up for Sale by Public Auction, the
bids commencing from the Upset Price
obtained at the Sale held on the 10th
instant, viz. \$2,160.

MARCEL CESARIO PEREIRA,
Secretary of Council.

Naval Station,

Macao, April 11, 1876.

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FURNITURE SALE.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.
have received instructions to sell
by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 22nd April, 1876, at Noon, at the
residence of L. HAUSCHILD, Esq., No. 46,
Prest Street,—

The whole of his Elegant HOUSE
HOLD FURNITURE comprising: Rep
Covered Drawing Suite, Couches,
Chairs and Easy Chairs, Centre Table,
Gilt Frame Engravings and Mirrors,
Card-Table, Dining Table, Whatnot,
Sideboard, Crockery and Glassware,
Cutlery, Plated-ware, Bedstead, Ward-
robe, Chest of Drawers, Washstand,
Toilet Table and Mirror,
&c., &c., &c.

Also,

A PIANO.

Catalogues will be issued prior to the
Sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before

Mails.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES; ALSO, BOMBAY, ST. DENIS AND PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 20th April, 1876, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *IRAOUDDY*, Commandant GAUVAIN, with MAIIS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping orders will be granted till noon, cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 8 P.M. on the 19th April, 1876. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, April 12, 1876. ap20

To-day's Advertisements.**CITY HALL.**

MADAME CARLOTTA TASCA begs to announce that her CONCERT will take place at the above HALL.

SATURDAY NEXT,
22nd April.

Under the immediate Patronage of H. E. Sir ARTHUR KENNEDY, K.C.M.G.; C.B.; Vice-Admiral Ryder. Sir John and Lady Smale. Col. Dickins and the Officers of the 28th Regt.

During the Evening by kind permission of Col. Dickins and the Officers, the Band of the 28th will perform.

Reserved Seats, \$2.00

Unreserved Seats, \$1.00

Doors Open at 8.30, Commence at 9.

Tickets to be had at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., when a plan of the Hall may be seen.

Hongkong, April 17, 1876. ap23

THE Officers of H.M.S. *Topaze* will give an AMATEUR PERFORMANCE at THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, on MONDAY, 24th Inst., in aid of LOCAL CHARITIES.

The Performances will commence with the Petite Comedy of "WHO SPEAKS FIRST?" To conclude with the Burlesque of "VILKINS AND HIS DINAH."

Admission, \$2.

Tickets at LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s on and after Wednesday, 19th inst.

Hongkong, April 17, 1876. ap24

FOR Sale.**FOR SALE.**

THE WORLD, WHEREIN COMETH IT? OR, What Certain Physicians are Saying. By Tu Quoquo. Shanghai, 1876. 1 Vol.

Price—\$1.00 Stitched.

\$1.25 Bound.

Apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, April 6, 1876. ap20

BISCUIT FLOUR.

A Excellent FOOD for INFANTS and CHILDREN.

MANUFACTURED SOLELY BY THE HONGKONG & CHINA BAKERY CO., LIMITED.

In Tins Containing 6 lbs.

Hongkong, April 8, 1876. my8

FOR SALE.**Ex. "OCEANIC."**

THIS Season's American HAMS and BACON in prime condition. Smoked SALMON.

Golden Gate Baker's EXTRA FLOUR in Barrels and Tins.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.

Hongkong, February 19, 1876.

FOR SALE.

THE whole of the Property known as FLETCHER'S Situate on Marine Lots Nos. 20 and 21, and covering an area of 121,904 square feet.

Annual Crown Rent about \$1,900.

Taxes, \$1,600.

For further information, apply to THE BORNEO CO., LIMITED. Hongkong, April 4, 1876. ap18

NOW READY.

FIENG-SHUI; or, THE RUDIMENTS OF NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr. E. J. EITEL. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

BUDDHISM, ITS HISTORY, THEORY AND POPULAR RELIGION, in three Lectures. By Dr. E. J. EITEL. Second Edition. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

Hongkong, July 31, 1873.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling off SOMERSET, COOKTOWN, CLEVELAND BAY, BOWEN and KEPPEL BAY, to land Mails and Passengers.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer *BOWEN* will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 21st Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1876. ap21

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

THE S. S. *Vancouver* having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading for countersignature to the Under-signer and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents, S. S. *Vancouver*.

Hongkong, April 17, 1876. ap24

St. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CHURCH.

Annual General Meeting of Seafholders.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Seafholders of St. John's Cathedral Church will be held at the Vestry on Thursday, the 27th day of April instant, at 4.30 p.m., for the purpose of electing two Trustees for the ensuing year, and for passing the Accounts of the Treasurer, under the provisions of Clauses 4 and 16 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1847.

EDMUND SHARP.

Trustee and Treasurer to the Body of Trustees.

Hongkong, April 16, 1876. ap21

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.**MAILED WILL CLOSE:**

For COOKTOWN.

For MECCA, at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 18th Inst.

For SWATOW.

For RIGA, at 8.30 a.m. on Wednesday, the 19th Inst.

For NEW YORK.

For BEIRUTH, at noon on Thursday, the 20th Inst.

For SINGAPORE, QUEENSLAND, SYDNEY, TASMANIA and MELBOURNE.

For BOWEN, at 11.30 a.m. on Friday, the 21st Instant.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *IRAOUDDY*, will be despatched on

THURSDAY, the 20th Inst., with

Mails to and through the United Kingdom via Marseilles; to Europe, Saigon, Singapore, Galle, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:

Wednesday, 19th Inst. —

5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 20th Inst. —

7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only addressed to the United Kingdom or to Singapore) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES entirely.

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,

Hongkong, April 6, 1876. ap20

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet *MONGOLIA*,

will be despatched with the Mails for

Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 22nd instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:

Friday, 21st Inst. —

5 P.M., Money Order Office closes.

6 P.M., Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 22nd Inst. —

7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage until

11 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES entirely.

11.30 A.M., Letters (but Letters only addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or to Singapore) may be posted on board the Packet on payment of a Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage.

11.50 A.M., Posting on Board ceases.

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,

Hongkong, April 13, 1876. ap22

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *GAELOC*,

will be despatched on MONDAY, the

1st May, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States,

which will be closed as follows:—

2 P.M., Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 P.M. Post Office closes.

2.30 P.M. Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late

Fee of 12 cents extra Postage until

2.50 P.M. when the Mail is finally closed.

Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.

Letters, &c. can be posted for Canada, the West Indies, and other places named below, if sufficient American stamps are added to prepay them from San Francisco to destination. American Stamps are sold at this Office.

The charge for Registry is 8 cents in Hong Kong Stamps, and 10 cents in U.S. Stamps to those places only the names of which are printed in Italics. To all the other places named correspondence cannot be Registered through, but only to San Francisco (8 cents).

The following are the charges on Correspondence thus sent:—

Per half ounce, Hongkong Stamps 8 cents.

Canada, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, Vancouver's Island, Bahamas, Nassau, New Providence, 8

Argentina, Bermuda, Bogota, Cartagena, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Fiji, Greenland, Jamaica, New Granada, Nicaragua, Panama, West Indies, 8

Hawaii, Newfoundland, 8

Guatemala, Mexico, Salvador, Venezuela, 8

Egypt, 8

Honduras, Martinique, Santa Marta, Turk's Island, 8

Brazil, 8

Bolivia, Ecuador, Chile, Peru, 8

Argentina, Confederation, Buenos Ayres, Paraguay, 8

Newspapers (not over 4 oz.) 2

Books, &c., per 4 oz., 4

Books, &c., per 4 oz., 10

Any articles found enclosed in Newspapers, or Book Packets (as silk scarves, jewellery, &c.) will be detained.

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,

Hongkong, April 14, 1876. ap21

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, April 19.—

1 P.M.—Sale of Masts, Hull, &c., of Gunboat *Campos* at Macao.

9 P.M.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.

an Anthem. An offertory will be made at the conclusion in aid of the Organ Fund, about £40 to £50 being required for two new stops to replace those now in such a defective state that they cannot be used. With this addition, the Cathedral Organ, one of the best instruments in the East, will be greatly improved.

The following telegrams were published in the *Daily Press* of this morning:

London, 13th April.—There is a semi-panic on the Stock Exchange caused by the default of Egypt in not paying the April and May bonds.

Alarming reports have been received from Bosnia and Servia.

A Committee of ways and means has been appointed by Congress for the purpose of framing a new tariff, and it has been agreed to leave tea free. General Dana's nomination has been rejected on account of an unproved charge of literary piracy.

The Czar's retirement has been denied.

M. Gambetta has been elected President of the Budget Committee.

EXPORT OF RICE CARGOES FROM SAIGON TO HONGKONG MARCH 28 TO APRIL 7.—

March 28, Thian-yau, 39,000 piculs; 28, Maharsa, 28,000 piculs; 28, Pardo, 22,600 piculs; 29, Mac-regar, 35,000 piculs; 30, Arratoon Apac, 26,600 piculs; April 1, Cheops, 28,000 piculs; 3, Ferona, 26,000 piculs; 3, Cawdon Castle, 46,000 piculs; 4, Asia, 23,000 piculs; 4, Penedo, 20,500 piculs; 6, Pernambuco, 21,000 piculs; 6, City of Exeter, 18,000 piculs; 7, Vega, 23,500 piculs; 7, Norden, 21,500 piculs; 7, Brasnar Castle, 44,000 piculs.

Shipping in Port.—Wodan, Lord Mac Duff, Hawick and Montgomeryshire, for Hongkong.

HOME NEWS.

By the arrival of the O.S.S. *Autenor*, we are able to give a few items of Home News by anticipation.

The *Moorhen*, for China, had put back from stress of weather.—Captain Luxmore, C. B., has been appointed to command Chinesestraining ship in room of Capt Tracey who goes home.—Assist. Paymaster Edward Robinson has been appointed Secretary to Commodore Watson, at Hongkong.—Mr. W. Nissen presided at the annual meeting of the Anglo-Deutsche Bank in Hamburg.—Major Byron is to have the lieut. colonelcy of the 2nd Battalion 10th.—Rear-Admiral Lewis Maitland, who was at Boca Tigris, is dead.—The *China Express* comments unfavourably on Bishop Raimondi's action on the Marriage Ordinance.—The insured value of *Orestes*' cargo is estimated at £350,000; hull, £50,000.—The *Times*, in its City article, has been displaying its ignorance regarding the Chinese loan.—The *Bessem* steamship is to be sold at auction the 14th March.—The *Mary L.* left Liverpool for Hongkong on 2nd March.—Dr. Horace Bushnell died on Feb. 7 at Hartford, Connecticut.—Lord Chief Justice Cockburn received the freedom of the City of London on the 9th March.

ROYAL NAVAL REGATTA.

The Naval Regatta came off to-day under very favorable circumstances, as regards weather, such as weather goes in these damp times.

A numerous company of residents assembled on board the *Audacious* by invitation, where tea was provided. Amongst the guests were H. E. the Governor and Miss Kennedy, Mr Justice Snowden, Major General Colborne, Admiral Lambert, the Captains and officers from the various Foreign and British men-of-war in harbour, and a numerous bevy of ladies, who seemed thoroughly to enjoy the novelty of being on board a war vessel. The arrangements made for the comfort of visitors were excellent, and the officers were indefatigable in their endeavours to make every one comfortable. The several events came off punctually at the time announced in the programme, but it was rather confusing owing to a new race starting before the preceding one was finished, and it was therefore somewhat difficult to follow the progress of each race. We have, therefore, found it necessary to confine ourselves simply to giving the results.

Much amusement was caused by the copper punts, which were rigged in a most grotesque manner. That from the *Audacious* was a caricature of that noble ship, and was complete, with sails and funnel, nor was smoke wanting to make the imitation perfect. The crew were all painted black, the Admiral (not Ryder) being in full dress. The *Audacious* had her tender, the *Vigilant*, in tow.

The Band of the *Audacious* performed several selections during the afternoon, which much enlivened the scene.

The following gentlemen formed the Committee: Capt. Douglas, Capt. Colborn, Comdr. Stirling, Comdr. Dupuis, Comdr. Douglas, Staff Comdr. Johnston, Lieut. Chapman, Lieut. Garbett, Lieut. Poi, Lieut. Schomberg, Lieut. Jauncey, Lieut. Underwood, Lieut. Muggeridge, Lieut. Abbott, Sub-Lieut. Fisher, Sub-Lieut. Miller.

The starters were Comdr. Theobald, Comdr. Buckle, Comdr. Decres, and Comdr. Noel. Comdr. Jackson, Lieut. Garbett, and Lieut. Schomberg, were umpires; the Members of the Committee being the judges.

The barge of the *Audacious* which won the 8th and 22nd races was built for the Prince of Wales when he was about to visit Canada. It belonged to the *Hero* when Admiral Ryder was Captain of her, and he has had the boat ever since. The *Audaci-*

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came off much the best throughout, either owing to the superiority of her boats or boats' crews.

FIRST DAY.

Pulling Races.—1.—1 p.m.—Gallies 8 and 6-oared. Open to Garrison and Naval Establishments, and to Foreign Men-of-war. 1st Prize \$16, 2nd \$10. Presented by Comte de B.M.S. *Audacious*.

Three started:—

Audacious, 1
Narcissus, 2

Time, not taken.

2.—1.15 p.m.—Pinnaces, open to Foreign Ships-of-war. Long Course. 1st Prize \$30, 2nd \$16.

Two started:—

Audacious, 1
Immortalite, 2

Time, not taken.

3.—1.30 p.m.—Cutters 12-oared. Long Course. 1st Prize \$26, 2nd \$14. Presented by the Community of Hongkong.

Five started:—

Newcastle, 1
Victor Emanuel, 2

Time, 23 min. 43 sec.

4.—1.45 p.m.—Jolly Boats and Cutter Gig, less than 10 oars. Middle Course. 1st Prize \$18, 2nd \$9.

Seven started:—

Newcastle, 1
Topaze, 2

Time, 17 min. 40 sec.

5.—2 p.m.—Officers' Race. Middle Course. 1st Prize Cup. Presented by the Community of Hongkong.

Three started:—

Topaze, 1
German, 2

Time, 18 min. 5 sec.

22.—5.30 p.m.—All Comers' Race, open to Winning Boats. Middle Course. 1st Prize \$20, 2nd \$10.

Two started:—

28th Regt., 6 oars, 1
Audacious, 4 oars, 2

Time, 31 min.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(Courier)

We learn that as the U.S. man-of-war

Ashuelot was proceeding on her voyage from Hongkong, she struck a rock during a thick fog in the Haifan Straits, but fortunately got off without much damage. We are very reluctant to accept as entirely truthful a piece of information that has just reached us—it is to the effect that Shen Pao-chen, the Viceroy of the Liang Kiang, has received a despatch from the Tsing-li Yamen, ordering him to instruct Feng Tao-tai that the Government objects to the completion of the Woosung tramway scheme. We sincerely trust that this may not be the case; but our authority is unfortunately very good. If it is true, it only shows how very grave a mistake it was to refer the question to Peking at all. We do not see what other result could have been expected.

We understand that the bill which lately passed the United States House of Representatives, making the usual appropriation for the Diplomatic Service, omits Chinkiang, Ningpo, and Swatow, which thus becomes law, but the question of these three ports may be considered as decided. This is a step in the wrong direction. The provisions for the American civil service in China are deficient enough already, and the ranks require recruiting rather than weakening, as we have already remarked on more than one occasion.

(News.)

The *Peking Gazette* of the 1st April contains an edict appointing Wu Tsien-ching to be Director General of the Foochow Arsenal. This is the official who, according to Tientin bunders, was to replace Kwo Sung-tao on the mission to England. But so far as we can understand, it is not Kwo who is likely to be withdrawn from the mission, but his junior colleague Han, who is talked of as likely to become Customs Taotai at Tientin; the present Taotai, Li, being implicated in some Formosa difficulty.

A Naval Court was held on the 7th inst. to enquire into the loss of the barque *Annie Mae*, on the 26th ult. The Court held that the Captain was to blame for not having kept the ship on the port tack, in her then position, while the tide was running flood; and that she was lost on a known danger through an error in judgment on his part in not allowing for the strong flood tide. Taking all the circumstances into consideration, however, they felt justified in taking a lenient view of his conduct, and returned him his certificate with a censure for his error.

The *Peking Gazette* of the 2nd and 24th March throw some light upon the rising in Kwangsi, which is said to have caused some anxiety to the Imperial Government. A memorial from the Governor, published under the former date, stated that a number of aborigines who had heretofore been under the rule of an hereditary magistrate, had petitioned that they might be placed on the same footing with other inhabitants of the Empire, in order to relieve them from the troubles which had arisen from a disputed succession. The *Gazette* of the 24th, however, seems to indicate that this desire on their part was rather imaginary, and that the revolt was a consequence of endeavouring to impose the change.

The entries for the Shanghai Spring Race Meeting closed on Saturday afternoon; the total amount of subcriptions being Tls. 3,665, a greater sum, with one exception, than had hitherto been subscribed. As well be seen from the subjoined list, the entries are, taken aggregately, more than usually numerous, and should result in good field at the post for each race:—*First Day*—Chu-ka-za Cup, 19; Criterion, 15; Griffins' Plate, 60; Jockey Cup, 22; Broken' Cup, 23; French Challenge Cup, 14; Roadsters' Plate (in place of Members' Plate), 20; *Second Day*—Shanghai Cup, 20; Shanghai Derby, 44; Merchants' Cup, 21; Engineers' Challenge Cup, 17; Race Club Cup, 31; Teatree Cup, 30; Hurdle Race, 7; *Third Day*—Great Northern Handicap, 37; Tao-tai's Cup, 20; Ladies' Purse, 22; Chuan-shang-kuk Cup, 25; Consolation Cup, 50; Steeplechase Cup, 10; Champions' Sweepstakes, forced entry for all winners.—The

ponies generally are described as being a

very fine lot, and should the meeting be

favoured with pleasant weather, there is

a little doubt it will prove one of the most

successful ever held here.

HANKOW.

Messrs. Gordon Bros. write, on the 1st April:—On contrasting the sales by foreigners during the fortnight, with those of the corresponding period last year, the transfer of the trade to native hands is lamentably apparent, the total imports of staple goods for the first quarter of 1876 (although we are not in possession of actual figures) being certainly in excess of the first three months of 1875, while sales by foreigners are a mere fraction of the imports. Total sales of Grey Shirts by foreigners from 1st January to date amount to 49,650 pieces, against 120,056 pieces last year. Few firms here import goods, and the consequent absence of suitable assortments, together with the greater banking facilities afforded to natives in Shanghai, are no doubt the chief causes of the falling off in foreign trade, and we fear the prospects are more or less favorable for the entire business going into Chinese hands, than of even a portion of it reverting to foreigners.

Lead is in but little demand, the requirement of teamen for 1st crop teas being fully satisfied.

Quotations for L.B. are nominal.

Lead is 6.00 & 6.10 per picul.

The market for Raw Cotton has been

fairly active during the fortnight. Quotations

are said to be on an extensive scale, but it

is too soon to receive any reliable information.

The want of confidence in present rates

has prevented sales of sterling drafts for

forward delivery, the bills sold to date for

May and June being estimated at scarcely

1/10th of the amount settled at same date

last year.

CHINKEE.

Messrs. Spencer and Wolff write on the

5th April:—During the week under review,

the demand for Grey Goods has slackened

considerably, and our market closes weak

in sympathy with that in Shanghai. Grey

Shirts have been dealt in at a decline of

one to two canardens on previous quotations,

say, 8-lbs. Red Pheasants at Tls.

1.74 & 1.77; Green Stag, Tls. 1.74; Pagoda, Tls. 1.71 & 1.72. *T. Cloths* are likewise

drooping, and have been placed at the following rates, viz., Silver Dragon, Tls. 1.35;

Cash, Tls. 1.32. *Sandawood*.—Best qual-

ity is in fair demand at Tls. 8.60 & 9.63,

but the quotation for inferior wood is al-

most nominal at Tls. 3.30 & 3.40. *Malwa Opium* has again declined, and the highest figure at which best drug is saleable is Tls. 438 per picul; *Old*, Tls. 448, nominal.

TIENTSIN.

(Courier Correspondent.)

30th March.

An immense number of literary men from

the Southern provinces have passed through

Tientsin, during the past month, on their

way to the Gracious Examination extended

to the Chi-jen of the Empire as a token of

joy at the decease of the late Emperor, or as

the official explanation has it, on account

of the ascent to the throne of the lad of

precious health. In consequence of this

heirship carts and boats have been

unusually high in price, but as the

examination have now begun prices have

fallen.

Mr. Twinem, Deputy Commissioner of

Customs, left this port on a leave of

absence last week. The French gunboat

Surprise left several weeks ago, but no

successor has appeared.

Mr. Wm. Forbes has been appointed

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Mails.

STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean
Ports, Southampton and London;
Also, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship MONGOLIA, Captain A. COLEMAN, with Her Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this for the above places, on SATURDAY, the 22nd April; at Noon.
CARGO will be received on board until Noon; SPECIE and PARCELS at the Office until 2 P.M. on the 21st April.
For particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong.

CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES ARE REQUIRED.

A written declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shippers to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any detention or prejudice which may happen from inaccuracy on such declaration.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co. reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their Steamers for Europe through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal in their own Steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, April 13, 1876. sp22

Confidential & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GAELIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 1st May, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of 30th instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Praya West.

G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent,
Hongkong, April 1, 1876. my1

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, via OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THEIR U. S. Mail Steamer "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 16th May, 1876, at 3 P.M., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsui Bishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. 14th Proximo. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Praya West.

G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent,
Hongkong, April 13, 1876. my10

DUC DE MONTEBELLO CARTE BLANCHE CHAMPAGNE
Quart, \$15 per case (1 dozen)
8 per cent. discount on 25 cases.

Bourbon WHISKEY.
\$12 per case (1 dozen).

FOR SALE BY HEARD & CO.
Hongkong, June 28, 1876. M.

Insurances.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

EDWARD NORTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, 800,000 TAELS

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the world at current rates. This Association will, until further notice, provide out of the earnings, first for Interest Dividend of 15% to Shareholders on Capital, and thereafter distributed among Policy holders, annually, in cash, ALL the Profits of the Underwriting Business pro rata to amount of premium contributed.

RUSSELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 9, 1872.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL, TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coals in Mashes, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO., Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1876.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Ponang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rate of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRINE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies issued at current rates payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

NOTICE.

AFTER this date, the above Association will allow a Brokerage of Thirty-three and One Third per cent. (33 1/3%) on Local Risks only.

RUSSELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, June 3, 1874.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents are in receipt of Instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of \$10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of \$15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Praya West.

G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, April 13, 1876. my10

Insurances.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INSURANCE COMPANY, ADELAIDE.

CAPITAL, £500,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company in Hongkong, China and Japan, are prepared to issue Policies of Marine Insurance, payable in Australia, London, Calcutta, Bombay, Mauritius, China and Japan at current rates.

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.

Hongkong, September 6, 1875. my1

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE CO.

COALS of every description supplied to Steamers by the Undersigned.

Orders may be left at the Godowns, Wan Chai, with Mr J. MAGLEHORN, or LEONG AH YON, KWONGHENG, Praya.

LANDSTEIN & CO.

Hongkong, November 1, 1875. my1

Intimations.

GOAL DEPOT.

COALS of every description supplied to

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LANDSTEIN & CO.

Hongkong, November 1, 1875. my1

WANTED.

A N Experienced European FEMALE to

accompany a Family with 3 Children to

England. Terms, a free Passage.

Applications to be sent to the Office of

this paper, addressed "A. B. C."

Hongkong, April 11, 1876. my11

HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, April 15, 1876.

At 1100 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

French, Highest. Lowest. Cash.

Butcher Meat.

Bacon, English, lb. 400 300

" Foochow, 160 150

Beef Sirloin and prime cut, oy. 160 140

Beef Corned, catty 120 110

" Roast, " 80 70

Soup, " 140 130

Steak, " 60 50

Bullocks' Brains, per set 250 200

" Tongue, fresh, each 400 350

" corned, " 1000 700

Head, " 140 130

Heart, " 60 50

Feet, " 70 60

Kidneys, " 120 110

Tail, " 90 80

Liver, " 40 30

Tripe (undressed), catty 500 450

Calves' Head and Feet, set 200 180

Hams, American, lb. 350 —

" Chinese, " 200 180

" English, " 400 350

Mint, " 12 10

Mushroom, dried, catty 750 650

Onions, Bombay " 20 15

" Green, " 20 15

Parley, Chinese, bunch 30 20

Potatoes, Macao, catty 30 20

" Sweet, " 14 12

Pumpkins, " 12 10

Radishes, English, doz. 40 30

Scallions, " 20 15

Shaloa, " 30